Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) Yes.
(2) Yes.
(3) Yes.
(4) A detailed cost report has been prepared.
(5) For want of funds.
(6) The Nadamel Panchayat has recommended.
(7) Yes.
(8) It is being enquired into.
(9) Yes.
(10) Alternative proposals for the alignment of the canal have since been advanced and the matter is under investigation.

Assault on Fisherman—charges against Police.

438. **Mr. George Chakyamuri.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the following:—

(a) whether their attention has been drawn to a note that appeared in the issue of the 'Madras Mail' dated 1st July 1933 under the caption 'alleged Assault on Fisherman, grave charges against Cochin Police';

(b) whether any enquiry has been conducted to ascertain the truth of the serious charges against the police contained in that note;

(c) if so, when and by whom was the enquiry conducted and with what result;

(d) whether there was any requisition by any of the parties to have this enquiry conducted by the Commissioner of Police himself;

(e) whether the Commissioner of Police has conducted any personal enquiry into this matter; and if not, why not;

(f) how many petitions have been received (i) by the Diwan (ii) the Commissioner of Police (iii) the District Magistrate within the period of last one year complaining of partisan tendencies or official misconduct on the part of the Cochin Cusba Inspector Mr. N. I. Krishna Menon;

(g) whether any one of these petitions has been personally enquired into by the Commissioner of Police;

(h) if so, how many and with what result; and if not, why not;

(i) whether the Commissioner of Police did not order the parties to seek their remedy in a Court of Law in one of these petitions against Mr. Krishna Menon;

(j) whether the Commissioner did not order the D. S. P. not to enquire into the same allegations against Mr. Krishna Menon on a petition forwarded by the District Magistrate to the District Superintendent for enquiry?

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Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) The enquiry was conducted by the Anjikaimal D.S. P. on 24th Mithunam 1108 and subsequent days. The allegation that Kocho was waylaid and assaulted by some of his caste-men was at the instance of the Police is found to be false.

(d) No.

(e) No.

(f) (i) 3
(ii) 8
(iii 2

(g) No. But the Commissioner of Police has made gneral enquiries about the conduct of the Inspector.

(h) It was not found necessary to make any enquiry other than that referred to in (g) in view of the reports received from the D. S. P. There is no reason to suspect that the Inspector has played into the hands of any party.

(i) Yes. The parties who complained that Inspector Mr. Krishna Menon had submitted to the Cochin Sub-Magistrate's Court certain unfounded and damaging reports against them were directed to attack the reports in court.

(j) Yes. The D. S. P. solicited instructions regarding the enquiry into the petition forwarded to him by the District Magistrate. The Commissioner of Police agreed with the D. S. P.'s view that it is not necessary to make further enquiries in the matter and that it is open to the parties to oppose the report in court and that the D. S. P. was asked to report to the court accordingly.

Drainage-fields—Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk.

439. Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether the huge quantities of water that collect in the low fields lying between Vettuveli and Kaniyavally could find an outlet into the western backwaters by any other means except doubling Poothotta lying on the borders of the Travancore State, some 8 miles south;

(2) whether even this only means of drainage will not be seriously impeded on the completion of the bund which is now being constructed at Kanjiramittom on the out-skirts of the Amballur Village;

(3) whether the Government could not easily empty all this water into the back-waters by widening the Anthakara thodu lying on the northern side of the Thekkumbhagam Village;

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